



Holy Apostles

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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WELCOME VISITORS

Whether you are an Orthodox Christian new to the area or this is your first time visiting an Orthodox Church, we warmly welcome you to Holy Apostles. We are so glad you are here. If you have any questions, an usher or greeter would be glad to help.

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is offered to baptized and chrismated Orthodox Christians who have prepared through fasting and prayer. At the close of the service, all are invited to come up to receive antidoron (blessed bread).

A GUIDE TO THE SERVICE

The Divine Liturgy begins on page 19 of the hymnal at your seat. This bulletin contains elements of the service that change weekly, including variable hymns, readings, and prayers.



Growing Christ's Church Nourishing a Community of Love

Holy Apostles is a community of love and transformation in Christ. Our mission is to be an extended village, welcoming and encouraging both adults and children to participate in the Orthodox Christian Faith, as we grow together, like the Holy Apostles, to know, love and serve Jesus Christ.

Orthros Gospel: Mark 16:9-20

Mode pl. 1

Saints and Feasts

The 14th Sunday of Matthew; the Miracle of Archangel Michael in Colossae (Chonae)

Resurrectional Apolytikion (Hymnal p. 115)

To the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation, let us, the faithful, give praise and worship. For he willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to endure death and raise the dead by his glorious resurrection.

The Antiphons

The First Antiphon
Refrain after each verse:

Through the intercessions of the
Theotokos, Savior, save us.

The Second Antiphon
Refrain after each verse:

Save us, O Son of God, Who rose
from the dead; save us who sing to
You: Alleluia.

The Third Antiphon
After each verse:

Resurrectional Apolytikion
See above

The Small Entrance

Priest: “Wisdom. Let us be attentive!” (Σοφία, ὁρθοί! | Sofía, orthí!)

People: Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God,
Who rose from the dead; save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Resurrectional Apolytikion (see above)

Apolytikion of Archangel Michael (Choir)

O Chief Commander of the heavenly armies, we the unworthy now entreat you in earnest, to fortify us by your supplications to the Lord, and shelter us beneath the wings of your spiritual glory, guarding us who run to you and fervently entreat you: As the Commander of the hosts on high, rescue us faithful from dangers of every kind.

Apolytikion of Holy Apostles (Hymnal inside front cover)

O holy Apostles, intercede with the merciful God, that He may grant to us forgiveness for our sinful souls.

Kontakion of the Nativity of the Theotokos (Hymnal p. 229)

Your holy birth delivered Joachim and Anna from the reproach of childlessness and liberated Adam and Eve from death’s corruption, O Pure One. Thus freed from the stain of sin, we your people honor your birth, crying out to you: A woman thought barren brings forth the Theotokos who nourishes Christ our Life.

The Epistle

Prokeimenon. Mode pl. 1. Psalm 11

Reader: You shall guard us, O Lord; You shall preserve us.

Verse: *Save me, O Lord, for the holy man has ceased.*

St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 1:21-24; 2:1-4

Brethren, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; he has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. But I call God to witness against me—it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit.

For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

The Holy Gospel

The Reading is from the Gospel of Matthew 22:2-14

The Lord said this parable, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.’ But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.’ And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment; and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The Liturgy of the Faithful

Second Communion Hymn (sung after ‘Praise the Lord’) (Choir)

He makes His angels spirits and His ministers a flame of fire. Alleluia.

Unless otherwise specified, events take place at Holy Apostles. For more information, please see website calendar and events page: holypostlesgo.org/calendar

Holy Communion— As you approach to receive Holy Communion, please help Fr. Rob by stating your baptismal name when he says, "The servant of God..." This simple practice is helpful and appreciated.

Feast of Nativity of the Theotokos — Tuesday, Sep 8 • Orthros: 8:30 AM-9:30 AM; Divine Liturgy: 9:30 AM-11:00 AM — This feast celebrates the birth of the Theotokos to her parents, Joachim and Anna, an event that prepared the way for the coming of Christ.

Eight Dates — Starting Sep 10, 2026 — Couples, make time for what matters most this fall with "Eight Dates," an online relationship enrichment series presented by the Family Wellness Ministry. Info and registration: familywellnessministry.org/eight-dates

Camp Agape Northwest Fundraiser — Saturday, Sep 12 • 6:00 PM-8:00 PM • Edmonds Yacht Club, 326 Admiral Way, Edmonds, WA — A joyful evening of dinner, auction, and dancing to support families facing childhood cancer. Info and registration: campagapenw.org/bepartofthemagic

St. Demetrios Auction to benefit Boyer's Children's Clinic — Saturday, Sep 12 • 5:30 PM-10:00 PM — Info and registration: saintdemetrios.ejoinme.org/auction

Feast of Elevation of the Holy Cross — Monday, Sep 14 • Orthros: 8:30 AM-9:30 AM; Divine Liturgy: 9:30 AM-11:00 AM — This feast day commemorates the finding of the True Cross of Christ by Saint Helen, mother of the Emperor Constantine.

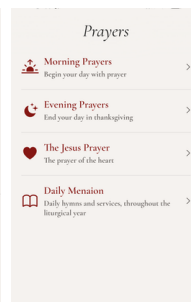
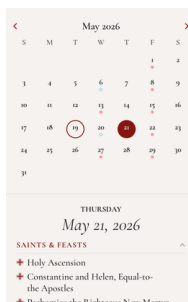
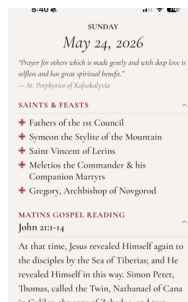
Bible Study— Wednesdays beginning Sep 16 • 12:00 PM-1:00 PM • Online via Zoom: 838 6157 6484 — Josh Ensley facilitates weekly Bible online study. More info: tinyurl.com/ha-bible-study

Orthodoxy 101 — Wednesdays beginning Sep 16 • 7:00 PM-8:30 PM — Join us for an 8-week Introduction to Orthodoxy course. More info: tinyurl.com/ortho-101

Holy Apostles Sunday School — Love kids and sharing the beauty of Christ's Church? Holy Apostles is re-launching Sunday School as soon as our building allows! We are seeking teachers, co-teachers, and substitutes for our friendly, supportive team. Please prayerfully consider joining us—reach out to Tammie Duskin, Erica Strauss, or email youth.ed@holypostlesgo.org.

Building Safety and Children — During the remodel, please be extra attentive and do not allow children to wander into the back classrooms or any construction areas. Thank you for keeping a close eye on our little ones!

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